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## MILITARY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC SECURITY

## INFORMATION ON VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNITS

[The following information on Vietnamese military units has been extracted from Vietnamese press sources published in Hanoi, unless otherwise indicated. Unit designators and subordination are as they appear in the original source. The remarks include a brief summary of the salient information available in the news item.]

Unit	Remarks
Engineer Forces	
-Thang Tam Gp	-Unit members train with small arms.
-Song Lo Gp	-Does well in assembling ferries and bridges.
-N.37 Gp	-Commended for road construction, small arms proficiency and demolition work.
-N.20 Gp	-Exceed construction goals.
-Hung Vuong Gp	- " " " "
-Bac Son Gp	- " " " "
-Pac Bo Gp	- " " " "
	(QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 Dec 79 p 1)
Ha Bac Forces	
05 Gp	Contribute money, labor and supplies to victims of the February 1979 PRC invasion.
06 Gp	
65th Gp	
04 Gp	(QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 31 Dec 79 p 4)
182d Infantry Gp, 3d MR	Received a Presidential decoration.
	(QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jan 80 p 1)
1st Infantry Gp, 4th MR	" " "
30th Infantry Gp, 9th MR	" " "
46th Infantry Gp, Hoang Lien Son Province	" " "

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143d Infantry Gp, 5th MR	Received a Presidential decoration. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jan 80 p 1)
288th Infantry Gp, Quang Ninh Province	" " "
176th Infantry Gp, Western Area of South Vietnam	" " "
71st Antiaircraft Artillery Gp, Cuu Long Corps	" " "
147th Navy Gp	" " "
26th Air Defense Signal Gp	" " "
460th Infantry Gp, 1st MR	" " "
76th Reconnaissance Gp	" " "
317th Infantry Gp	" " "
279th Engineer Gp	" " "
Thang Tam Infantry Gp, 1st MR Unit 52 Unit 67 Unit 83	Conducted realistic field training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jan 80 p 1)
35th Engineer Gp	Worked on the recently completed section of Highway 6A from Luong Son to Hoa Binh City. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jan 80 p 2)
B.71 Gp Unit 37A Unit 37B Unit 227	Cutting timber in the Western Highlands. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jan 80 p 2)
Factory 65, POL Department, Rear Service General Department	Exceeded goal in the production of parts for pumps. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jan 80 p 2)
B.16 Gp 7th Bn M48 Gp	Fought against PRC invaders in February 1979. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jan 80 p 3)
01 Navy Gp	Subordinate companies and battalions conducted training and dug field fortifications. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jan 80 p 3)
X.09 Gp, H.30 Gp	Unit driver commended for delivering supplies. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jan 80 p 3)

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X.68 Gp	Receipt of supplies by unit medical depot reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jan 80 p 3)
Technical General Department	Subordinate factories complete plan ahead of schedule. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 1 Jan 80 p 4)
Factory 27	
Factory 75	
Factory 59	
Factory 53	
Factory 51	
Factory 55	
Naval Forces	Operating in Western waters. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jan 80 p 1)
Zone D	
Bach Dang Fleet	
6th Gp	
B.68 Artillery Gp	Photo appears to be associated with article on antiaircraft artillery units of Hanoi. (HANOI MOI 5 Dec 79 p 2)
4th Gp, Capital Forces	This unit is billeted on the local population. (HANOI MOI 6 Dec 79 p 1)
047th Gp, Hanoi Forces	Performed civil affairs activities and constructed defensive positions. (HANOI MOI 12 Dec 79 p 1)
Capital Military Command	Subordinate units conduct combat readiness training and assist local population harvesting crops and road construction. (HANOI MOI 13 Dec 79 p 1)
57th Gp	
65th Gp	
52d Artillery Gp	
21st Gp	
61st Signal Gp	
2076th Missile Gp, Hanoi Air Defense Forces	Photo of crewmembers assembling missile for launching. (HANOI MOI 16 Dec 79 p 1)
384th Div	Photo of entertainment troupe. (PHU NU VIETNAM 12-18 Dec 79 p 9)
91st Gp, 12th Corps [Binh Doan]	Completed assigned road construction work ahead of schedule. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Dec 79 p 2)
H.23 Gp, 4th MR	Working on construction of a cement plant. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Dec 79 p 2)
B.18 Gp, 5th MR	Corn harvest reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Dec 79 p 2)
Factory 824, Camp Management Department, Rear Services General Department	Manufacturing furniture. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Dec 79 p 2)

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Factory T.28	Another designation for Factory 824. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 26 Dec 79 p 2)
N.87 Gp, Ha Son Binh Province Forces	Prepared field fortifications. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 27 Dec 79 p 1)
6th Bn, 11th Gp	Cited for wasteful practices. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 27 Dec 79 p 2)
Army Officers School # 1	Training activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 28 Dec 79 p 3)
Navy	Over 30,000 youth Union Members have indicated desire to become members of the VCP. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jan 80 p 1)
47th Navy Gp	Unit members do well in training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jan 80 p 1)
71st Navy Gp	" " "
72d Navy Gp	" " "
Truong Sa [Spratley] Navy Gp	" " "
51st Navy Gp	" " "
53d Navy Gp	" " "
77th Missile Bn	Photo shows residents of Thai Binh Village, Cam Pha District, Quang Ninh Province digging field positions for this unit. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jan 80 p 1)
3d Phuoc Long Gp	Operating the Phuoc Long Rubber Corporation in eastern South Vietnam. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jan 80 p 2)
073 Gp, Northern Bordern Defense Forces	Prescribes measures to protect personnel against cold weather. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jan 80 p 3)
73d Armored Gp	An officer of this unit is Major Võ Tá Linh [VOX TAS LINH]. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jan 80 p 3)
4th Co, 13th Signal Gp	Responsible for maintaining 700 kilometers of wire communications along the northern border. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 2 Jan 80 p 3)
Chien Thang Division, Quyet Thang Corps	Photo of artillery in field exercise. (NHAN DAN 3 Jan 80 p 1)



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S.53 Gp, 3d MR	Party building activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jan 80 p 1)
26th Armored Gp, 9th MR	Compressed 3 months training in 1. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jan 80 p 1)
Quang Ninh [Province] Air Defense Forces	Combat readiness of subordinate units noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jan 80 p 1)
030 Gp	
057 Gp	
025 Gp	
028 Gp	
1st Detachment, 63d Missile Gp	Photo of unit members wearing impermeable suits and holding gas masks. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jan 80 p 1)
10th Gp, Tay Nguyen Corps	Photos show unit in training and assisting local population. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jan 80 p 3)
095 Gp	Located at an unspecified border position inhabited by ethnic minority people. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jan 80 p 3)
06 Gp	Squad leader commended for training methods. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jan 80 p 3)
Army Officers School #1	Graduates class of reserve officers. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 3 Jan 80 p 3)
Navy Specialist and Technical Petty Officers School	Improves quality of training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Jan 80 p 1)
600th Gp, 7th MR	Growing rice in the Cat Tien Valley on the headwaters of the Dong Nai River. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Jan 80 p 2)
9th Regt	Located in an area with many government agencies. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Jan 80 p 3)
M.21 Gp, Song Thao Corps	Located in Bac Thai Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Jan 80 p 3)
Rear Services General Department	Subordinate enterprises achieve their goals in support of the Armed Forces. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 4 Jan 80 p 4)
Clothing Factory 20	
Factory 28	
XY-2	
XY-5	
X.22	
X.804	
Q.165	
Q.164	
X.824	
X.77	
A.173	

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175th Military Hospital	Recently was visited by Senior General Van Tien Dung. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 5 Jan 80 p 1)
Factory 51	" " "
76th Air Force Gp	" " "
600th People's Armed Public Security Forces	Recently was designated a Hero Unit of the People's Armed Forces. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Jan 80 p 1)
B.91 Gp, Truong Son Corps	Photo of road construction work. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Jan 80 p 1)
Border Defense Forces	Subordinate elements conduct activities to mark the 35th anniversary of the Armed Forces. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Jan 80 p 1)
Post 187	
Post 189	
Post 195	
Post 191	
Post 199	
Post 193	
Nghia Binh Province Border Defense Forces	" " "
Post 610	
Post 614	
Post 602	
Post 546	
Post 634	
103d Military Hospital	Produces device for hospital. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Jan 80 p 2)
4th Co, 85th Gp, 4th MR	Personal account of a soldier's activities. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Jan 80 p 3)
520th Gp, Engineer Forces	Located in Son La Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 6 Jan 80 p 4)
Song Thao Corps [Binh Doan]	Over 2,300 unit members inducted into the VCP. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 8 Jan 80 p 1)
Unit M.8	
Unit N.74	
Engineer Gp	
Phong Chau Gp.	
S.5 Gp, 4th MR	Located on the northern border in an area that suffered severely from the PRC invaders. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 8 Jan 80 p 3)
85th Gp	
14th Gp	
39th Gp	

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Unit 79, Song Lam B Gp	Completed construction work on four projects ahead of schedule. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 8 Jan 80 p 3)
N.71 Transportation Gp 964th Bn 65th Bn 70th Bn 52d Bn	Has achieved a good record in trucking supplies (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 8 & 9 Jan 80 p 3)
2d Regt, "T" Gp, 9th MR	165 unit members inducted into the VCP. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jan 80 p 1)
7th Flotilla	Photo of antiaircraft guns on vessels. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jan 80 p 1)
N.75 Signal Gp, 5th MR	Wins in communications competition. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jan 80 p 2)
782d Bn, H.30 Transportation Gp, 5th MR	Unit driver commended. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jan 80 p 3)
2d Gp, Missile Forces	Photo of assembled Sam 3 Missile and crew. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jan 80 p 3)
230th Transportation Gp, Rear Services General Department	Self support farming activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 9 Jan 80 p 3)
23d Gp, Quang Ninh Province	Does well in training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jan 80 p 1)
Air Force Technical Department Factory A.36 Factory A.42 Factory A.45 Factory D.34	Party building activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jan 80 p 1)
6th Artillery Gp	Conducts leadership training for VCP members. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jan 80 p 1)
5th Signal Gp	Reports achievements marking the anniversary of the VCP. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jan 80 p 2)

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Rear Services General Department	Self support farming results reported.
Materials Department	(QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jan 80 p 2)
Transportation Department	
Rear Service Department	
POL Department	
AH-186 General Depot	
Binh Tram 18	
N.25 Regt	
N.26 Regt	
205th Depot	
61st Regt	
5th Gp	
78th Gp	
73d Armored Gp	Fought against Kampuchean forces. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jan 80 p 3)
Song Be Province Border Defense Forces	Training, party building activities of subordinate units reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jan 80 p 3)
Unit C.9	
Post 705	
Post 721	
Factory 164, POL Department	Unit member's ingenuity commended. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 10 Jan 80 p 3)
205th General Depot, Quartermaster Department, Rear Services General Department	Activities to mark anniversary of a visit to the unit by Ho Chi Minh. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Jan 80 p 1)
N.13 Engineer Regt, 3d MR	VCP branch chapters at company level units commended. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Jan 80 p 3)
N.25 Gp, Transportation Department	Unit commended for high productivity. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 11 Jan 80 p 3)
01 Gp, Tank Forces	Photo of men by their tank. (NHAN DAN 14 Jan 80 p 1)
B.45 Gp, Tay Bac Forces	Commended for party building activities. (NHAN DAN 14 Jan 80 p 3)
B.16 Gp, Song Thao Corps 2d Regt	" " "
2d Regt, "T" Gp, 9th MR	" " "
42d Co, Phu Dong Radar Gp	" " "
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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
275th Gp, Ho Chi Minh's Tomb Guard Forces	Training activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Jan 80 p 1)
195th Gp, Ho Chi Minh's Tomb Guard Forces	" " " "
83rd Engineer Gp, Navy	Completed construction of a project 160 days ahead of schedule. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Jan 80 p 1)
B.21 Gp, 5th MR	Construct "Uncle Ho's Fish Ponds" in E-ka Village in the Western Highlands. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Jan 80 p 2)
M.83 Gp, 3rd MR	Construct "Uncle Ho's Fish Ponds" for local population. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Jan 80 p 2)
N.13 Regt, 3rd MR	" " " "
3rd Bn, 65B Regt, 3rd MR	Construct shelters for trucks. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Jan 80 p 2)
Song Dao Gp, Tay Bac Forces	Woman clothing repair unit operates in northern border area. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 13 Jan 80 p 2)

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1st MR	Subordinate units maintain combat readiness, strengthen field fortifications on northern border. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Jan 80 p 1)
Chi Lang Gp	
Thang Tam Gp	
Song Cau Gp	
Thang Tam Infantry Gp	
Cao Bac Infantry Gp	
B.27 Infantry Gp	
B.37 Infantry Gp	
Huong Giang Corps	Subordinate units train with individual and crew served weapons. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 14 Jan 80 p 1)
021 Regt	
9th Regt	
06 Regt	
04 Regt	
011 Regt	
022 Regt	
95th Regt	
08 Regt	
Air Force	Subordinate units exceed training standards. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jan 80 p 1)
B.72 Gp	
O.35 Gp	
O.26 Gp	
C.37 Gp	
C.16 Gp	
C.17 Gp	
Intermediate Technical School	
Engineer Officers School	290 Youth Union members inducted into the VCP. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jan 80 p 1)
Gas and Radiation Recon Bn	Photo of unit personnel with gas masks and protective clothing. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jan 80 p 1)
4th MR	Subordinate units produce consumer goods. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jan 80 p 1)
Factory 46	
Factory 41	
Pharmaceutical Station	
14th Sea Fishing Bn	
Sewing Enterprise X20 C	
Factory B.34, Truong Son Corps	Repairs motor vehicles. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jan 80 p 2)
51st Bn, 33rd Truck Transport Gp	Used scrounged parts to repair vehicles. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jan 80 p 3)

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47th Navy Gp	Unit members appear to be debarking from helicopter. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jan 80 p 3)
N.71 Transportation Gp	Unit strives to improve cargo movement efforts. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 15 Jan 80 p 3)
52nd Bn	
57th Bn	
65th BN	
5th MR	Induction of members into the VCP reported at subordinate units. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jan 80 p 1)
N.75 Signal Unit	
07 Gp	
B.80 Engineer Gp	
Dong Bang Gp	Unit conducts morale building activities. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jan 80 p 1)
2nd Anti-aircraft Artillery Co,	Photo of naval personnel manning quad-barrelled weapon. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jan 80 p 1)
91st Gp, Island V	
33rd Navy Gp	Fishing achievements recounted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jan 80 p 2)
28th Navy Gp	" " " "
29th Navy Gp	" " " "
Vessel 77	" " " "
Vessel 78	" " " "
Vessel 82	" " " "
Vessel 83	" " " "
Vessel 84	" " " "
Vessel 85	" " " "
323rd Gp, Border Defense Forces	Barracks construction, self support farming reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jan 80 p 2)
7th Co, 6 NB Gp, 3rd MR	Commended for farming results in rocky terrain. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jan 80 p 2)
205th Signal Regt	Regimental Commander: Major Trần Huỳnh [TRAAHF HUYNHF]. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jan 80 p 2)

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5th Co, Trung Dung Gp	Unit hero's exploits against PRC invaders in Cao Loc area in Mar 79 reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 16 Jan 80 p 3)
B.27 Gp, 1st MR	Inducts 516 new members into the VCP. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Jan 80 p 1)
2nd Co, 1st Bn, Phong Quang Gp	Photo of unit members occupying key defense position. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Jan 80 p 1)
13th Military Hospital, 5th MR	Improves living conditions for patients and personnel. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Jan 80 p 2)
175th Military Hospital, Ho Chi Minh City	Successful surgical performance noted. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Jan 80 p 2)
871st Gp	Political Officer: Major Đinh Văn Đố [DINH VAWN DOOS]. Had administrative responsibilities for personnel working with Construction Corporation K.2, Thanh Hoa Province. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Jan 80 p 2)
11th Bn (105mm), MN.24 Gp	Recently displaced hundreds of kilometers to new location. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 17 Jan 80 p 3)
Military Administration School, Quyet Thang Corps	Improves quality of training. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 18 Jan 80 p 1)
21st Binh Tram, Transportation Department, Rear Services General Department	Photo of unit members planting trees. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 20 Jan 80 p 1)
7th Military Hospital	Morale building activities reported. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jan 80 p 1)
N.13 Engineer Regt, 3rd MR	Self support farming results improve over the years. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jan 80 p 2)
8th Gp, Navy	Criticised for delay in reporting debits in commercial transactions. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 21 Jan 80 p 2)



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Rear Service General Department B.86 Gp 5th Gp 7th Gp	Subordinate units commended for good work attitude of men. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jan 80 p 1)
POL Forces, Rear Service General 61st Regt 62nd Regt 71st Regt 592nd Regt	Fuel pipeline units maintain pipelines well. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jan 80 p 1)
Song Lo Engineer Gp	Photo of ferry construction. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jan 80 p 1)
Political Officers School	First class of 263 theory instructors is graduated. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jan 80 p 1)
Thanh Loa Missile Gp	Unit activities described in detail. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jan 80 p 3)
07 Gp, Co To Island, Quang Ninh Province	Maintains combat readiness. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 22 Jan 80 p 3)
Public Security Officers School	Morale building activities described. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jan 80 p 1)
12th [Artillery] Bn, 8B Gp, Huong Giang Corps	Photo of unit howitzers. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jan 80 p 1)
5th Military Hospital	Report on self support farming activities. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jan 80 p 1)
32nd Gp	Lumbering production figures given. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jan 80 p 1)
71st Gp, Rear Service General Department	" " " "
1st Co, 61st Bn, Song Da Missile Gp, Air Defense Branch	Report on Party building activities. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jan 80 p 3)
2nd Gp	" " " "
B.56 Gp, Tay Bac Forces	Promotes cultural activities. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 23 Jan 80 p 3)
45th Gp, Tay Bac Forces	Stresses combat readiness. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jan 80 p 1)

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Post 908, Border Defense Forces, Kien Giang Province	Photo of men on patro.. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jan 80 p 1)
Factory 165, Rear Services General Department	Manufactured gasoline operated pumps. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jan 80 p 2)
91st Military Hospital, 1st MR	Constructs improved mess hall. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jan 80 p 2)
8th Bn, Quyet Thang Gp	Expands living facilities to receive additional personnel. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jan 80 p 2)
Factory 59, Technical General Department	Supply economy measures implemented. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jan 80 p 3)
Border Defense Post 171	Unit hero profiled. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jan 80 p 3)
Thang Tam Engineer Gp	Photo of this combat engineer unit in the field. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 24 Jan 80 p 3)
Khe Sanh Infantry Gp	Photo of three armored air defense vehicles mounting radar and quad-barrelled weapons. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jan 80 p 1)
Song Thao Corps [Binh Doan] B.4 Gp B.5 Gp M.4 Gp	Increased combat readiness in subordinate units. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jan 80 p 1)
N.76 Gp, Construction Department, Rear Services General Department	Completed building construction projects B.72 and B.73. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jan 80 p 1)
108th Military Hospital	New surgical technique described. (QUAN DOI NHAN DAN 25 Jan 80 p 2)
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, TRADE AND AID

JAPAN AID TO VIETNAM FROZEN

Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese 13 Feb 80 p 2

[Text] Frozen Aid to Vietnam; Resumption Within This Fiscal Year Given Up: Clarification by Foreign Ministry Source

A Foreign Ministry source, on the 12th, clarified the prospect that the resumption of economic aid to Vietnam will probably result in being carried over to fiscal 1980. With this, it is viewed that [the Foreign Ministry] has firmed up its intention in the direction of actually giving up the resumption of aid to Vietnam, which aid has been frozen so far, within this fiscal year, because the situation in Cambodia is still unstable, as it is expected that the Vietnamese Forces will carry out operations to mop up the Pol Pot forces guerrillas.

Importance Attached to Military Situation in Cambodia

Concerning the reasons for this, the same source cited the following points in addition to the unstable military situation in Cambodia: (1) The frequent use of Vietnamese waters, such as Cam Ranh Bay, by Soviet warships, and the possibility of [Vietnamese ports] becoming permanent bases; (2) the various ASEAN nations' repulsion to action taken by the Vietnamese forces in Cambodia; and (3) moves of public opinion in Japan on the resumption of aid to Vietnam. The same source said: "Our policy remains unchanged. However, it will turn out that the resumption thereof will probably be realized in April and after."

In regard to economic aid to Vietnam, when Nguyen Duy Trinh visited Japan in December of the year before last, then Foreign Minister Sonoda promised to extend ¥14 billion (¥4 billion as nonreimbursible aid and ¥10 billion as reimbursible aid), as aid for fiscal 1979, the same as the amount extended in the preceding year. Later, [Japan] postponed the extending of the promised aid, for the reasons of the outflow of large numbers of boat-refugees from Vietnam, a sharp increase, from the second half of last year, in Cambodian refugees, who have fled to areas around the Thai border, escaping from the war in Cambodia, and the expected large-scale dry-season attack against the Pol Pot forces by the Vietnamese forces.

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According to the Foreign Ministry source, at present, it is estimated that about 140,000 Cambodian refugees have flowed into Thai territory, and that there are from 250,000 to 500,000 refugees in Cambodian territory.

However, the same source's judgment shows that he attaches more importance to the military situation in Cambodia and the moves of Soviet forces in connection with Vietnam, than the moves of refugees. It can probably be said that it has become difficult to resume aid to Vietnam, for the time being.

The same source also clarified the following view: Even if aid to Vietnam is carried over to the next fiscal year, (1) there will be no problem as to the ¥4 billion in nonreimbursible aid, which will be defrayed from the general account, if a step to carry it over is taken between [Foreign Ministry officials] and Finance Ministry officials at the end of the fiscal year; and (2) in regard to the ¥10 billion in reimbursible aid, the framework thereof will probably be secured in the next fiscal year, even if that amount is not carried over.

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